## **Summary of Recommendations for Adult Immunization**

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| Vaccine name and route  | For whom vaccination is recommended  | Schedule for vaccine administration (any vaccine can be given with another)  | Contraindications and precautions (mild illness is not a contraindication)   |
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| Influenza Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV) Give IM  Influenza Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) Give intranasally | <ul> <li>Persons age 50yrs and older.</li> <li>Persons with medical problems (e.g., heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathy, immunosuppression) and/or people living in chronic-care facilities.</li> <li>Persons with any condition that compromises respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk of aspiration (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injury, seizure disorder, or other neuromuscular disorder)</li> <li>Persons working or living with at-risk people.</li> <li>Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season.</li> <li>All healthcare workers and other persons who provide direct care to at-risk people.</li> <li>Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children ages 0–23m.</li> <li>Travelers at risk for complications of influenza who go to areas where influenza activity exists or who may be among people from areas of the world where there is current influenza activity (e.g., on organized tours).</li> <li>Persons who provide essential community services.</li> <li>Students or other persons in institutional settings (e.g., dormitory residents).</li> <li>Anyone wishing to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza.</li> <li>Healthy, non-pregnant persons age 49yrs and younger who meet any of the conditions listed below.</li> <li>Working or living with at-risk people as listed in the section above.</li> <li>Healthcare workers or other persons who provide direct care to at-risk people (excluding persons in close contact with severely immunosuppressed persons).</li> <li>Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children ages 0–23m.</li> <li>Travelers who may be among people from areas of the world where there is current influenza activity (e.g., on organized tours).</li> <li>Persons who provide essential community services.</li> <li>Students or other persons in institutional settings (e.g., dormitory residents).</li> <li>Anyone wishing to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza.</li> </ul> | Given every year.     October through November is the optimal time to receive annual influenza vaccination to maximize protection; however vaccination may occur in December and throughout the influenza season (typically December through March) or at other times when the risk of influenza exists.   | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine, to any of its components, or to eggs.  Precaution Moderate or severe acute illness.  Contraindications Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine, to any of its components, or to eggs. Pregnancy, asthma, reactive airway disease or other chronic disorder of the pulmonary or cardiovascular system; an underlying medical condition, including metabolic disease such as diabetes, renal dysfunction, and hemoglobinopathy; a known or suspected immune deficiency disease or receiving immunosuppressive therapy; history of Guillain-Barré syndrome.  Precaution Moderate or severe acute illness. |
| Pneumococcal<br>poly-<br>saccharide<br>(PPV23)<br>Give IM or SC   | <ul> <li>Persons age 65yrs and older.</li> <li>Persons who have chronic illness or other risk factors, including chronic cardiac or pulmonary disease, chronic liver disease, alcoholism, diabetes, CSF leak, as well as people living in special environments or social settings (including Alaska Natives and certain American Indian populations). Those at highest risk of fatal pneumococcal infection are persons with anatomic asplenia, functional asplenia, or sickle cell disease; immunocompromised persons including those with HIV infection, leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, generalized malignancy, chronic renal failure, or nephrotic syndrome; persons receiving immunosuppressive chemotherapy (including corticosteroids); and those who received an organ or bone marrow transplant and candidates for or recipients of cochlear implants.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Routinely given as a one-time dose; administer if previous vaccination history is unknown.</li> <li>One-time revaccination is recommended 5yrs later for persons at highest risk of fatal pneumococcal infection or rapid antibody loss (e.g., renal disease) and for persons age 65yrs and older if the 1st dose was given prior to age 65 and 5yrs or more have elapsed since the previous dose.</li> </ul> | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.  Precaution Moderate or severe acute illness.  Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not contraindications to the use of this vaccine.  |

<sup>\*</sup>For specific ACIP recommendations, refer to the official ACIP statements published in *MMWR*. To obtain copies of these statements, call the CDC-INFO Contact Center at (800) 232-4636; visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/ACIP-list.htm; or visit the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) website at www.immunize.org/acip.

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| Vaccine name and route   | For whom vaccination is recommended   | Schedule for vaccine administration (any vaccine can be given with another)   | Contraindications and precautions (mild illness is not a contraindication)  |  |
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| Hepatitis B (Hep B) Give IM  Brands may be used interchangeably.   | <ul> <li>All adolescents.</li> <li>High-risk persons, including household contacts and sex partners of HBsAg-positive persons; injecting drug users; heterosexuals with more than one sex partner in 6 months; men who have sex with men; persons with recently diagnosed STDs; patients receiving hemodialysis and patients with renal disease that may result in dialysis; recipients of certain blood products; healthcare workers and public safety workers who are exposed to blood; clients and staff of institutions for the developmentally disabled; inmates of long-term correctional facilities; and certain international travelers.</li> <li>Persons with chronic liver disease.</li> <li>Note: Provide serologic screening for immigrants from endemic areas. When HBsAg-positive persons are identified, offer appropriate disease management. In addition, screen their sex partners and household members, and give the first dose of vaccine at the same visit. If found susceptible, complete the vaccine series.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Three doses are needed on a 0, 1, 6m schedule.</li> <li>Alternative timing options for vaccination include 0, 2, 4m and 0, 1, 4m.</li> <li>There must be 4wks between doses #1 and #2, and 8wks between doses #2 and #3. Overall, there must be at least 16wks between doses #1 and #3.</li> <li>Schedule for those who have fallen behind: If the series is delayed between doses, DO NOT start the series over. Continue from where you left off.</li> </ul> | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.  Precaution Moderate or severe acute illness.  Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not contraindications to the use of this vaccine.   |  |
| Hepatitis A (Hep A) Give IM  Brands may be used interchangeably.   | <ul> <li>Persons who travel or work anywhere except the U.S., Western Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and Japan.</li> <li>Persons with chronic liver disease, including persons with hepatitis B and C; illegal drug users; men who have sex with men; people with clotting-factor disorders; persons who work with hepatitis A virus in experimental lab settings (not routine medical laboratories); and food handlers when health authorities or private employers determine vaccination to be cost effective.</li> <li>Anyone wishing to obtain immunity to hepatitis A.</li> <li>Note: Prevaccination testing is likely to be cost effective for persons older than age 40yrs, as well as for younger persons in certain groups with a high prevalence of hepatitis A virus infection.</li> </ul>  | For Twinrix <sup>TM</sup> (hepatitis A and B combination vaccine [GSK]), three doses are needed on a 0, 1, 6m schedule. Recipients must be age 18yrs or older.  • Two doses are needed. • The minimum interval between dose #1 and #2 is 6m. • If dose #2 is delayed, do not repeat dose #1. Just give dose #2.   | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.  Precautions  • Moderate or severe acute illness.  • Safety during pregnancy has not been determined, so benefits must be weighed against potential risk.  Note: Breastfeeding is not a contraindication to the use of this vaccine.                               |  |
| Td (Tetanus, diphtheria) Give IM Note: As of 8/24/05, ACIP has not issued recommendations for the use of acellular pertussis combination vaccines (Tdap). See note in next column. | <ul> <li>All adolescents and adults.</li> <li>After the primary series has been completed, a booster dose is recommended every 10yrs. Make sure your patients have received a primary series of 3 doses.</li> <li>A booster dose for wound management may be needed as early as 5yrs after receiving a previous dose, so consult ACIP recommendations.*</li> <li>Use Td, not tetanus toxoid (TT), for all indications.</li> <li>Note: Two Tdap products, Boostrix (GSK) and Adacel (sanofi pasteur), were licensed by the FDA in 2005 for use in adults and/or adolescents. Consult package inserts for more information. It is anticipated that ACIP will issue recommendations for these products in late 2005.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Give booster dose every 10yrs after the primary series has been completed.</li> <li>For those who are unvaccinated or behind, complete the primary series (spaced at 0, 1–2m, 6–12m intervals). Don't restart the series, no matter how long since the previous dose.</li> </ul>   | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic or neurologic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.  Precautions  • Moderate or severe acute illness.  • Guillain-Barré syndrome within 6wks of receiving a previous dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine.  Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not contraindications to the use of this vaccine. |  |
| Polio<br>(IPV)<br>Give IM or SC  | Not routinely recommended for persons age 18yrs and older.  Note: Adults living in the U.S. who never received or completed a primary series of polio vaccine need not be vaccinated unless they intend to travel to areas where exposure to wild-type virus is likely. Previously vaccinated adults can receive one booster dose if traveling to polio endemic areas.  | Refer to ACIP recommendations* regarding unique situations, schedules, and dosing information.  | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic or neurologic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.  Precautions  • Moderate or severe acute illness.  • Pregnancy.  Note: Breastfeeding is not a contraindication to the use of this vaccine.   |  |

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| Varicella<br>(Var)<br>(Chickenpox)<br>Give SC   | All susceptible adults and adolescents should be vaccinated. It is especially important to ensure varicella immunity among household contacts of immunosuppressed persons and among healthcare workers.  Note: At its June 2005 meeting, ACIP voted to regard birth in the U.S. in 1965 or earlier as presumptive evidence of varicella immunity, with or without a history of having had chickenpox. Persons born in 1966–1997 with a reliable history of chickenpox (such as self or parental report of disease) can be assumed to be immune. For persons who have no reliable history, serologic testing may be cost effective, since most persons with a negative or uncertain history of varicella are immune.   | <ul> <li>Two doses are needed.</li> <li>Dose #2 is given 4–8wks after dose #1.</li> <li>If varicella vaccine and MMR are both needed and are not administered on the same day, space them at least 4wks apart.</li> <li>If the second dose is delayed, do not repeat dose #1. Just give dose #2.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Contraindications</li> <li>Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.</li> <li>Pregnancy or possibility of pregnancy within 4wks (use contraception).</li> <li>Persons immunocompromised because of malignancies and primary or acquired cellular immunodeficiency including HIV/AIDS. (See MMWR 1999, Vol. 48, No. RR-6.) Note: For those on high-dose immunosuppressive therapy, consult ACIP recommendations regarding delay time.*</li> <li>Precautions</li> <li>If blood, plasma, and/or immune globulin (IG or VZIG) were given in past 11m, see ACIP statement General Recommendations on Immunization* regarding time to wait before vaccinating.</li> <li>Moderate or severe acute illness.</li> <li>Note: Breastfeeding is not a contraindication to the use of this vaccine.</li> </ul>  |
| Mening- ococcal Conjugate vaccine (MCV4) Give IM Polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4) Give SC | <ul> <li>College freshmen living in dormitories.</li> <li>Adolescents and adults with anatomic or functional asplenia or with terminal complement component deficiencies.</li> <li>Persons who travel to or reside in countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic (e.g., the "meningitis belt" of Sub-Saharan Africa during the dry season [Dec–June]).</li> <li>Microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of <i>N. meningitidis</i>.</li> <li>Military recruits.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>MCV4 is preferred over MPSV4 for persons age 55 yrs and younger, although MPSV4 is an acceptable alternative.</li> <li>Give one dose to persons with risk factors; revaccinate after 5yrs if risk of disease continues and previous vaccine was MPSV4.</li> </ul>  | Contraindication Previous anaphylactic or neurologic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components, including diphtheria toxoid (for MCV4).  Precaution Moderate or severe acute illness.  Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not contraindications to the use of either vaccine.   |
| MMR<br>(Measles,<br>mumps,<br>rubella)<br>Give SC                                       | <ul> <li>Persons born in 1957 or later (including those born outside the U.S.) should receive at least one dose of MMR if there is no serologic proof of immunity or documentation of a dose given on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>Persons in high-risk groups, such as healthcare workers, students entering college and other post–high school educational institutions, and international travelers, should receive a total of two doses.</li> <li>Persons born before 1957 are usually considered immune, but proof of immunity may be desirable for healthcare workers.</li> <li>Women of childbearing age (i.e., adolescent girls and premenopausal adult women) who do not have acceptable evidence of rubella immunity or vaccination.</li> <li>Special attention should be given to immunizing women born outside the U.S. in 1957 or later.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>One or two doses are needed.</li> <li>If dose #2 is recommended, give it no sooner than 4wks after dose #1.</li> <li>If varicella vaccine and MMR are both needed and are not administered on the same day, space them at least 4wks apart.</li> <li>If a pregnant woman is found to be rubella susceptible, administer MMR postpartum.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Contraindications</li> <li>Previous anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine or to any of its components.</li> <li>Pregnancy or possibility of pregnancy within 4wks (use contraception).</li> <li>Persons immunocompromised because of cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, immunosuppressive drug therapy, including high-dose steroids or radiation therapy. Note: HIV positivity is NOT a contraindication to MMR except for those who are severely immunocompromised.</li> <li>Precautions</li> <li>If blood, plasma, and/or immune globulin were given in past 11m, see ACIP statement <i>General Recommendations on Immunization*</i> regarding time to wait before vaccinating.</li> <li>Moderate or severe acute illness.</li> <li>History of thrombocytopenia or thrombocytopenic purpura.</li> <li>Note: Breastfeeding is not a contraindication to the use of this vaccine.</li> <li>Note: MMR is not contraindicated if a tuberculin skin test (i.e., PPD) was recently applied. If PPD and MMR not given on same day, delay PPD for 4-6wks after MMR.</li> </ul> |